

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4901–S4985

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1723–1748, S.J. Res. 18, and S. Res. 219–221.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1725, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–79)

S. 1300, to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 1482, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid. Page S4952

Measures Passed:

United States Cotton Futures Act: Senate passed H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act. Page S4979

United States Merchant Marine Academy Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 143, to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Page S4980

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 1180, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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E-Warranty Act: Senate passed S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Fischer/Nelson) Amendment No. 2214, relating to electronic warranties.

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National Day of the American Cowboy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, designating July 25, 2015, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”. Page S4984

Medora Musical 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Medora Musical. Page S4984

Rocky Mountain National Park: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park. Page S4984

Measures Considered:

Every Child Achieves Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S4904–15, S4920–26

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 227), Murray (for Brown) Amendment No. 2099 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow funds provided under such part to be used for a site resource coordinator.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 228), Toomey Modified Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure that States have policies or procedures that prohibit aiding or abetting of sexual abuse. Pages S4904, S4906–09, S4914

Alexander (for Portman) Amendment No. 2147 (to Amendment No. 2089), to promote recovery support services for students. Pages S4912, S4915

Murray (for Manchin/Shaheen) Amendment No. 2103 (to Amendment No. 2089), to enable local educational agencies to use funds under part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for programs and activities that promote volunteerism and community service.

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Murray (for Kaine) Amendment No. 2096 (to Amendment No. 2089), to add career and technical education as a core academic subject.

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Alexander (for Heller/Manchin) Amendment No. 2121 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure timely and meaningful consultation between State educational agencies and Governors in the development of State plans under titles I and II and section 9302.

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Murray (for Feinstein/Portman) Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2089), to provide for additional means of certifying children, youth, parents, and families as homeless.

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Alexander (for Fischer) Amendment No. 2079 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure local governance of education.

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Alexander (for Gardner/Peters) Amendment No. 2083 (to Amendment No. 2089), to enable local educational agencies to use funds under part A of title I for dual or concurrent enrollment programs at eligible schools.

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Murray (for McCaskill) Amendment No. 2092 (to Amendment No. 2089), enabling States, as a consortium, to use certain grant funds to voluntarily develop a process that allows teachers who are licensed or certified in a participating State to teach in other participating States.

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Murray (for Gillibrand/Ayotte) Amendment No. 2108 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the program under part E of title II to ensure increased access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics subject fields for underrepresented students.

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Alexander (for Gardner) Modified Amendment No. 2119 (to Amendment No. 2089), to include charter school representatives in the list of entities with whom a State and local educational agency shall consult in the development of plans under title I.

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Murray (for Casey) Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2089), to improve the bill relating to appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities.

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Murray (for Klobuchar/Hoeven) Amendment No. 2138 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 relating to improving student academic achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 226), Daines Amendment No. 2110 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students. (A

unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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Pending:

Alexander/Murray Amendment No. 2089, in the nature of a substitute.

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Murray (for Peters) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2089), to allow local educational agencies to use parent and family engagement funds for financial literacy activities.

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Murray (for Warren/Gardner) Amendment No. 2120 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend section 1111(d) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding the cross-tabulation of student data.

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Alexander (for Kirk) Amendment No. 2161 (to Amendment No. 2089), to ensure that States measure and report on indicators of student access to critical educational resources and identify disparities in such resources.

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Alexander (for Scott) Amendment No. 2132 (to Amendment No. 2089), to expand opportunity by allowing Title I funds to follow low-income children.

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Alexander (for Hatch/Markey) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2089), to establish a committee on student privacy policy.

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Murray (for Franken) Amendment No. 2093 (to Amendment No. 2089), to end discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools.

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Murray (for Kaine) Amendment No. 2118 (to Amendment No. 2089), to amend the State accountability system under section 1113(b)(3) regarding the measures used to ensure that students are ready to enter postsecondary education or the workforce without the need for postsecondary remediation.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2015, Senate vote on or in relation to the following amendments, with no second-degree amendments in order to any of the amendments prior to the votes: Alexander (for Hatch/Markey) Amendment No. 2080 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above), and Murray (for Kaine) Amendment No. 2118 (to Amendment No. 2089) (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1735, to authorize

appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, agreed to the request of the House for a conference, and authorized the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees, after taking action on the following motions and motion to instruct conferees proposed thereto: **Pages S4915–20**

Adopted:

McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S4919**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 230), Reed Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report fully fund the President's budget request for the Department of Defense, including \$534.3 billion in base budget funding and \$50.9 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations budget funding, thereby supporting the bipartisan view that the funding caps imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011 should be eliminated or increased in proportionally equal amounts for the revised security and non-security spending categories. **Pages S4919–20**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 229), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S4919**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Wicker, Ayotte, Fischer, Cotton, Rounds, Graham, Reed, Nelson, Manchin, Gillibrand, Donnelly, Hirono, and Kaine. **Page S4920**

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the letter of resignation from the United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors be printed in the record. **Page S4984**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Darlene Michele Soltys, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

52 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), which was sent to the Senate on February 25, 2015, from the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Pages S4984–85**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S4913, S4914, S4919, S4920**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4984.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016".

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the